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SUBJECT: PAPANDREOU CALLS FOR PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON
GREEK FOREIGN POLICY

1. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU (PASOK) TOLD NEWSMEN JANUARY 24 THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS DELAYED BRIEFING THE PARLIAMENT AND THE GREEK PEOPLE ON GREEK/TURKISH RELATIONS AS WELL AS ON ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF NATION'S FOREIGN RELATIONS. PASOK CHAIRMAN ADDED THAT SINCE THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BRIEFED THE PARLIAMENT ON THESE QUESTIONS THE OPPOSITION MUST REQUEST PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION WITH THE ATTENDANCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER. HE CONTINUED BY NOTING THAT ANXIETIES HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY GOG'S SILENCE.

2. PAPANDREOU SAID IMPORTANT QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED:
"HOW DO THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID CORRELATE WITH THE GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MILITARY WING OF NATO AND WITH THE DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH AMERICAN BASES?" "TO WHAT DEGREE ARE WE IN A POSITION TO DEFINE OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS?" "IS IT USEFUL FOR GREECE TO BE AIDED BY THE ARAB COUNTRIES?" PAPANDREOU CONCLUDED "IT IS OBSERVED THAT GREECE IS UNBELIEVABLY ISOLATED. IF THIS IS THE RESULT OF GREECE'S TRAILING ALONG AS THE LAST IN THE LINE OF THE PENTAGON AND NATO THEN IT IS AN EXASPERATING MISTAKE."

3. SPOKESMAN OF KKE/EDA PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FILED SIMILAR
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REQUEST JANUARY 23 WITH PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT PAPACONSTANTINOU

WHO SAID HE WOULD REFER ISSUE TO PRIME MINISTER.
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